

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

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REGIME TO CURB VEHICULAR POLLUTION
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any pollution monitoring system to curb vehicular pollution in the North-Eastern States of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether different standards/ yardsticks being used for mountains and plains;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons for using same standard to address the problem of pollution in two different geographical formations?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

(a) & (b) In order to control vehicular pollution, currently Pollution Under Control (PUC) norms are applicable all over the country including North Eastern States for monitoring emission from in-use vehicles. Further to cross check the quality of fuel being supplied to vehicles all over the country, anti adulteration drives/tests are regularly conducted by Central Pollution Control Board as well as all State Pollution Control Boards.

The Ministry of Environment and Forests has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 135.70 lakhs on 14.02.2012 to Mizoram State Pollution Control Board under the scheme of 'Assistance for Abatement of Pollution' for procurement of equipment to monitor vehicular pollution.

(c) to (e) There are no different sets of emission standards for mountain and plains. However as per the recommendations of Auto Fuel Policy report, Bharat Stage (BS)-IV vehicular emission norms for new four wheelers have been implemented in 13 mega cities of the country since 2010, while BS-III emission norms have been implemented in rest of the country. For 2/3 wheelers, B.S-III emission norms have been implemented all over the country since 2010.